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And we know that for those who love God, all things work together for good. Here in El Salvador, we are in an emergency situation because of the Swine Flu epidemic. School classes were suspended for about 3 weeks. All the students were in their homes with nothing to do. Then we received good news! A group of young people were coming from Bethel Church in Washington State. Their visit was at just the right moment to be able to reach the greatest number of children with the Gospel. So, August 3-6, Monday-Thursday, we had our Vacation Bible School at the church and also in two different neighborhoods.



We saw the Hand of God in every detail of the week. Each day, children came to our church from different parts of the city with only one desire – to know the love of Christ. It was an impressive week. The brothers and sisters of our church ministered alongside the team, doing whatever God had called them to do. The



mission team, with a lot of love and dedication, had prepared a program and the sense of unity was clearly seen as each gave their best to the Lord.

On Friday, we and the team dedicated ourselves to give a presentation in two orphanages. The children and young people had been prepared by Christ to feel the care He has for them even though they had been abandoned and mistreated by their families. During the morning presentation, an impression was made on me at the first orphanage by Daisy, a woman who cares for 9 children of different ages. After our time with her, she began attending our church with all 9 of her children. She wants them to grow in the fear of the Lord. They haven't missed a Sunday since then and we are more than happy to help them with transportation in order to encourage them to continue attending. We have invited another woman, Gloria, who also has 9 children that she takes care of at the orphanage.

On Friday afternoon, we had an especially moving experience when we visited a Catholic orphanage. I was very surprised when the nuns received us with openness and love and were very happy with our visit. They opened the doors for us to minister to adolescent girls, most of whom had been sexually abused. As the program progressed, these girls (who are in much need of love) had the desire to find answers for their lives and opened their hearts to the young girls of our team. The afternoon closed with tearful hugs as we shared how their hearts could be healed by Jesus. Please pray for us as we continue to have open doors for sharing the Gospel in these institutions.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

I have the opportunity to be with the parents of the school at New Ilamatepec, a community that is becoming more and more violent with much mistreatment in the homes - especially the children. They suffer abuse and violence. Pray that I might share the Word of Christ and they turn to the Right Way, the Way of Christ.

**PLEASE PRAY
FOR THESE
CHILDREN
AND THEIR
PARENTS**



MY WAYS ARE NOT YOUR WAYS

A sister that lives in a refugee community that I have the privilege to visit and minister to has a 10-day old grandson with serious health problems. I offered to take them to the Children's Hospital in the capital city for medical attention. The mother and father also went with us. We talked of nothing else but the mercy the Lord has for us. I told them that God is looking to come into their hearts with whatever happened to the child.

The child received attention at the hospital and on the way back to their home we continued to speak of God's love and mercy. When we were about half-way back, the couple said they had been thinking and that they wanted to give their hearts to Christ. "We've waited much too long" were their words. When we arrived at their home, they prayed the prayer of repentance and were very sincere. The man gripped my hand and, with tears in his eyes, he received Christ as his Savior. Please pray for Raúl.

PLEASE PRAY

- ✓ **The Lord will guide us in following up on the children and parents contacted during our Vacation Bible School.**
- ✓ **The Lord will open doors for preaching the Gospel and to minister in the ways that He permits.**
- ✓ **For the life of Raúl – That he will walk with Christ.**
- ✓ **For the healing of Raúl's son. (They believe he has water on his brain.)**
- ✓ **God will give me grace each day and sustain me in my spiritual needs.**

Thank you for your prayers. God bless you!

In Him,

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